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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY DUBLIN  
USCINCEUR

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL  
CINCEUR FOR POLAD

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 19, 1975:

Q. IS AMBASSADOR EILTS STILL HERE?

A. YES, HE IS; AND AS OF THIS MORNING I DID NOT HAVE ANY  
ETD, ANY EXACT ETD. I DON'T THINK THAT'S QUITE BEEN  
DETERMINED YET. WE STILL EXPECT HIM TO LEAVE BEFORE THE  
END OF THE WEEK.

Q. IS THERE ANY DATE FOR A KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETING?

A. NO, NO DATE HAS BEEN SET; NO PLACE HAS BEEN FIXED. THE  
SECRETARY, AS HE SAID, WUITE SOME TIME AGO, AND I BELIEVE  
HE SAID IT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD  
TO MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN JULY. BUT NO DATE  
HAS BEEN SET; NO PLACE HAS BEEN FIXED.

Q. YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE IT WAS, YOU SAID THAT WE HAD NO  
WORD FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GENEVA.  
THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE ARTICLE AND NEWS  
STORY FROM MOSCOW BY CHRISTOPHER WREN. HAVE WE HAD ANY UP  
TO NOW, TODAY?

A. NO.  
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Q. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE RUSSIANS WANT A GENEVA CON-  
FERENCE OR NOT.

A. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO WORD FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON  
THAT SUBJECT. THE REPORT WAS THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT  
PLANS, THAT THEY WISH TO SHELVE PLANS FOR A GENEVA CON-  
FERENCE. WE HAVE HAD NO COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT  
BETWEEN YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

Q. NO INDICATION WHATEVER.

A. NO.

Q. WITH THE ARRIVAL TODAY, OF FOREIGN MINISTER OF SYRIA, MR. KHADDAM, IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE PREPARED TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF SYRIAN JEWRY EMIGRATION UNDER THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

A. I DO NOT KNOW IF THAT SPECIFIC SUBJECT WOULD COME UP. THE SECRETARY WILL OBVIOUSLY BE DISCUSSING NOT ONLY THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF BILATERAL INTEREST WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. I DO NOT KNOW IF THAT SPECIFIC SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED OR NOT.

Q. THERE IS A REQUEST BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OR AID, I BELIEVE IT IS, FOR \$58 MILLION MORE DOLLARS FOR SYRIA UNDER THE 100 MILLION DOLLAR FUND. AND THERE IS LEGISLATION BEING INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE REGARDING THIS, WHICH WOULD BLOCK IT, PENDING THE RESOLUTION OF THE SYRIAN-JEWISH EMIGRATION ISSUE. ISN'T THIS A TOPIC FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. IT MAY BE. BUT JUST LET ME SAY ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, WE ARE IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE CONGRESS ON THE SUBJECT THAT YOU MENTIONED, AND CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE CONGRESS ON IT.

Q. WHEN YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REGARDING GENEVA CONFERENCE PLANS, YOU SAID NO. AND THEN YOU WERE ASKED  
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WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM THEM ABOUT SHELIVING

THE CONFERENCE, AND YOU SAID WE HAVEN'T ANYTHING. YOU ARE SAYING THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY NOTE FROM THEM ON GENEVA, IS THAT RIGHT?

A. THAT'S RIGHT. THE QUESTION THAT I RECEIVED YESTERDAY WAS WITH REGARD TO THE CHRIS WREN STORY, AS I INDICATED IN MY BRIEFING, AND I WAS RESPONDING TO THAT QUESTION.

Q. I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE WHICH ONE.

A. RIGHT. YES, SIR.

Q. I BELIEVE THAT THE SYRIAN MINISTER IS THE LAST LEADER FROM THE MIDDLE EAST WHO WILL VISIT WASHINGTON IN THE CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS. DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO COMPLETE YOUR REASSESSMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY?

A. I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY TERMINAL DATE ON WHEN THE REASSESSMENT WILL BE COMPLETED; WHEN THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO ANNOUNCE OR NOT. YOU MIGHT CHECK THE WHITE HOUSE AND SEE IF YOU CAN GET ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC.

BUT I DON'T THINK YOU WILL.

Q. ANOTHER QUESTION. THE ISRAELI PRESS IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. DO YOU SHARE THIS OPTIMISM?

A. THERE HAVE BEEN AN AWFUL LOT OF STATEMENTS BY VERY HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE LAST WEEK OR TEN DAYS, AND I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO IT. KISSINGER

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